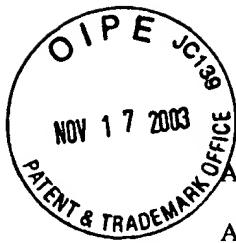


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Appl. No. : 09/421,416  
Applicants : Hinrich SCHUETZE et al.  
Filed : October 19, 1999  
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that an extension of time, as specified below, be granted for responding to the Office Action of July 16, 2003, due October 16, 2003.

- One (1) month - \$ 110.00  
 Two (2) months - \$ 420.00  
 Three (3) months - \$ 950.00  
 Four (4) months - \$ 1480.00  
 Five (5) months - \$ 2010.00  
 This Petition accompanies a response to the Office Action

Please charge the fee for this extension of time, and any other fees which may be required for entry of this response, to Deposit Account No. 24-0037. Two duplicates of this sheet are enclosed.

Respectfully requested,

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